(b) if so, by when Government would disclose the outcome of the Bofors probe and the reasons for the delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (*SHRI* S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Yes, Sir. In response to the brief discussion of this matter in the Sabha on 25th February, 1997, the government had briefly outlined the reasons for its inability to make public the information contained in the documents furnished by the Swiss authorities.

(b) The CBI has reported that as investigations are required to be conducted in various foreign countries also, it is not possible to specify a time frame for conclusion of the same.

वर्गों के लिए विशेष भर्ती अभियान

1339. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों और अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों के व्यक्तियों के लिए आरक्षित रिक्त पदों को भरने हेतु कोई विशेष भर्ती अभियान शुरू करने के संबंध में विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है तथा इन वर्गों के अभ्यर्थियों के लिए आरक्षित ऐसे रिक्त पदों को भरने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्रवाई की जा रही है?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस०आर० बालासुब्रह्मण्यम): (क) से (ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार के विभागों, केन्द्रीय सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों, बैंकों और बीमा-निगमों में सीधी भर्ती में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसचित जनजातियों के लिए आरक्षित बकाया रिक्तियों को भरने के लिए जुलाई, 1996 में शुरू किया गया विशेष भर्ती अभियान इस समय चल रहा है।

कार्मिक विभाग में उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार, 1.7.96 को सीधी भर्ती से अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए आरक्षित 19,381 बकाया रिक्तियों की इस अभियान के अन्तर्गत भरे जाने हेतु पहचान की गयी है।

सभी विभागों को बकाया रिक्तियों को 31.3.1997 तक भरने के लिए कहा गया है।

अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों के लिए विशेष भर्ती अभियान शुरू करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Money Spent on the Investigation of Bofors Gun Deal

1340. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the exact amount of money alleged to have been paid illegally for the Bofors gun contract; and

(b) the amount of money spent by the investigating agencies and Government, as part of investigation into the scam, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) As the Bofors case investigation is still going on, it is not possible to specify at this stage any amount as having been paid illegally for the Bofors Gun contract.

(b) *Before FIR*

Indian Currency:	Rs. 4,21,894/-
US $	9,205.53
S. Fr	610.00
Stg £	197.50
Lebanese	150.00

After FIR

Indian Currency:	Rs. 8,42,730/-
Stg £	854/-
US $	77300.50
UAE Dir.	1407.48
S. Fr	73,170.00
SEK	438485.00

It excludes establishment charges of investigation staff, besides Hotel charges abroad paid by the Indian Mission.

Restoration of One-Third Pension

1341. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken by Government for the restoration one third-pension of those pensioners who took hundred per cent commutation of pensionary benefits before being absorbed in public sector undertakings, etc., as decreed by the Supreme Court last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Orders in implementation of the Supreme Court Judgement have been issued by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare vide O.M. No. 4/3/86-P&PW(D) dated 30.9.96 and a copy of the same is enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) and (b) above.

Statement

Copy of orders in implementation of Supreme Court's Judgement

No. 4/3/86-P&PW (D)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
(Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare)
New Delhi, dated the 30th Sept., 1996
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:—Restoration of one-third commuted portion of pension after 15 years from the date of commutation in respect of the Government servants who had drawn lumpsum amount on their absorption in a Public Sector Undertaking/autonomous body—implementation of the Judgement of the Supreme Court—

The undersigned is directed to say that in accordance with the provisions of this Department's O.M. No. 34/2/86-P&PW dated 5th March 87, Central Govt. pensioners who have commuted a portion of their pension are entitled to the restoration of the commuted portion of pension on the expiry of 15 years from the date of commutation. These orders were issued as a result of the Supreme Court Judgement dated 9.12.86 in Writ Petition No. 3958-61 of 1983 viz. "Common Cause" case. Para 4 of the said O.M. stipulates that Central Govt. employees who got themselves absorbed under Central Public Sector Undertakings/autonomous bodies and received/or opted to receive commuted value of 1/3rd of pension as well as terminal benefits equal to the commuted value of the balance amount of pension left after commuting 1/3rd of pension would not be entitled to any benefit under these orders as they ceased to be Central Govt. pensioners.

2. The Supreme Court of India in its Judgement dated 15.12.95 in Writ Petition (C) No. 11855/85 while quashing para 4 of the O.M. dated 5.3.87 *ibid* have ruled that the petitioners who had commuted full pension are also entitled to the benefit as given by Supreme Court of India in the "Common Cause" case so far as it related to restoration of 1/3rd of the commuted pension.

3. The question regarding implementation of the Supreme Court Judgement has been under consideration of the Govt. The President has now been pleased to decide that para 4 of the O.M. dated 5th